## TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

## Emergency Rule

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## **DIGEST**

Temporarily modifies the regulation of commercial fishing on the Ohio River for commercial fishers harvesting Asian Carp through the Ohio River Asian Carp Removal Program operated in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Kentucky under 301 KAR 1:152. Asian Carp and Scaled Rough Fish Harvest Program. Effective January 17, 2022.

SECTION 1. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to 312 IAC 9-8-6.

- (b) To qualify, an individual must hold a valid commercial fishing license in good standing and be currently under contract with the Commonwealth of Kentucky as part of the Ohio River Asian Carp Removal Program pursuant to 301 KAR 1:152.
- (c) The exemptions and supplementations identified in this document are for the harvest of Asian Carp as part of the Ohio River Asian Carp Removal Program only. All other species must be returned to the water immediately.
- (d) An official observer assigned through the Ohio River Asian Carp Removal Program by the State of Indiana or the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be present, in the boat, at all times an individual is fishing as authorized by this document.
- (e) An individual harvesting Asian Carp under this document as part of the Ohio River Asian Carp Removal Program shall comply with all record keeping requirements specified by the Ohio River Asian Carp Removal Program.
- (f) An individual harvesting Asian Carp under this document as part of the Ohio River Asian Carp Removal Program is exempt from the requirements set forth at:
  - (1) 312 IAC 9-8-6(h)(1, 2 and 3) [312 IAC 9-8-6(h)(1), 312 IAC 9-8-6(h)(2), and 312 IAC 9-8-6(h)(3)];
  - (2) <u>312 IAC 9-8-6(j)(3)(A)</u>, (B), and (D) [<u>312 IAC 9-8-6(j)(3)(A)</u>, <u>312 IAC 9-8-6(j)(3)(B)</u>, and <u>312 IAC 9-8-6(j)(3)(D)</u>;
  - (3) 312 IAC 9-8-6(k)(1) and (2) [312 IAC 9-8-6(k)(1) and 312 IAC 9-8-6(k)(2)].
- (g) An individual harvesting Asian Carp under this document as part of the Ohio River Asian Carp Removal Program shall comply with the following requirements:
  - (1) No commercial fishing gear may be set or used in a manner that prohibits access of the Ohio River and its associated waters by boaters.
  - (2) Commercial fishing gear must be in eye contact of the individual throughout the duration of the set.
  - (3) All captured Asian Carp collected must be killed immediately as per methods described in 312 IAC 9-6-7(b).

SECTION 2. This document expires on January 17, 2023.

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